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SENT DEPARTMENT 2300, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 496, BONN  
212, BERLIN 60, MOSCOW 124SUBJECT: REPLIES TO SOVIET NOTE OF NOVEMBER 27QUADRIPARTITE WORKING GROUP HAS AGREED TO FORWARD TO  
GOVERNMENTS FOLLOWING DRAFTS:

1. US REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE (TEXT BY SEPARATE CABLE).
2. BRITISH REPLY. FIRST PART BRITISH TEXT CONTAINS  
REFUTATION SOVIET PROPAGANDA CHARGES. THIS PART WAS NOT  
REVIEWED IN DETAIL BY WORKING GROUP BUT ON FIRST READING  
APPEARS SATISFACTORY. SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF BRITISH  
REPLY WILL BE SAME AS US REPLY (BEGINNING WITH NUMBERED  
PARAGRAPH 3 OF US REPLY) WITH SUBSTITUTION "HMG" FOR  
"GOVERNMENT." BRITISH HOPE TO BE ABLE CLEAR TEXT WITH  
SELWYN LLOYD BY MONDAY DEC 22 AND MACMILLAN SHORTLY  
THEREAFTER.
3. FRENCH REPLY. FRENCH TEXT IS SIMILAR IN SUBSTANCE  
AND TONE TO OPERATIVE PORTION US-UK REPLIES, ALTHOUGH  
LANGUAGE IS NOT ALWAYS IDENTICAL EXCEPT IN KEY FINAL  
PARAGRAPHS. FRENCH ARE SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE THAT THIS  
MIGHT GIVE RISE TO SPECULATION IN WESTERN PRESS THAT  
FRENCH POSITION DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF US-UK, ALTHOUGH  
THEY ARE NOT INCLINED TO BE OVERLY CONCERNED ON THIS  
POINT. FRENCH HOPE OBTAIN COUVE'S DECISION IN THIS REGARD  
OVER WEEKEND.

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4. FEDREP REPLY. SUBSTANTIVE PART GERMAN REPLY CONTAINED PARAGRAPHS REFERRING TO PREPARATIONS FOR PEACE TREATY WHICH APPARED UNACCEPTABLE TO US-UK-FRANCE, AND AFTER DISCUSSION GERMANS PRODUCED NEW TEXT OF DISPUTED PASSAGES. FURTHER DETAILS AND TEXTS OF CONTROVERSIAL PARAGRAPHS CONTAINED IN SEPARATE CABLE.

5. TEXTS ALL REPLIES BEING HAND-CARRIED WASHINGTON SO AS TO BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING OF BUSINESS MONDAY DEC 22.

6. ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT REARRANGED AND MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES INTRODUCED, TEXT OF US REPLY SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS THAT SEEN BY SECRETARY DEC 18.

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